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presents them with changing pictures of triumph and defeat. Personal vanity, it is true, enhances this excitement. But this would also be concerned were the rivalry one of ostentatious expenditure and this would not be nearly as pleasurable as a contest in the courts. Variety or change of mood generally enters into the pleasure which we derive from games. It is certainly one of the attractions of golf. Games in which chance is the principal element have, indeed, little but this to commend them.

The pleasure of intoxication is of a more complicated nature. There enters into it the taste of the drug or liquor, the attraction of habit, and the relief of freeing oneself from the worries and mistrust that afflict introspective sobriety. But intoxication is above all things a change of mood—often, indeed, a series of changes which to onlookers may appear exceedingly ludicrous. The change is not always in the way of gaiety—not infrequently the reverse—and its attractiveness lies in itself. Some of the lower animals can seemingly appreciate it, and monkeys, and even birds, may contract a very strong liking for spirituous drinks.